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Dear Rock Gardener:

The colorful Autumn months with their long cool nights are almost upon us and should be marked, lest they slip by unnoticed. These are important months in the development of perennial plants, the true and loyal friends of all gardeners, for they make new, strong roots and tight mounds of sturdy leaves, getting set to face the rigors of Winter. These months are equally important to rock gardeners, for this is a favorable time to make any rearrangements you may have planned, replacing the things that may have disappeared through the Summer, dividing the large clumps of Campanulas, Phloxes and other fast growers. This is also the time to make arrangements to get new material for filling in and for building up your collection of rare rock plants that you have been yearning to watch grow in your garden.

The never ending search for new material has continued here and we are proud to offer the following noteworthy plants for fall delivery:

SEDUM POPULIFOLIUM. The only hardy shrubby sedum from Siberia. It has upright branches with thick, fleshy, toothed leaves and topped with pale pink flowers in Fall. 75c each.

HEDERA COLCHICA. A very interesting slow climbing vine with sturdy branches and thick, leathery, dark green heart-shaped leaves. Each 50c. 3 for \$1.25. 12 for \$5.00.

LEWISIA HOWELLII. Large attractive rosettes of thick, evergreen leaves and sprays of delicate pink flowers, veined dark red that appear in late June. 50c each. 3 for \$1.25.

TRILLIUM ERECTUM, with dark red flowers; TRILLIUM STYLOSUM, with large clear rose flowers and TRILLIUM UNDULATUM, with white flowers, veined deep red are now available at 35c each.

Besides these new introductions we still have our standard stock listed in our Handbook and Catalogue. The prices are still the same and all are still available with the following few exceptions: Acaena buchananii; Antirrhinum molle; Cymbalaria aequitriloba; Dianthus alpinus; Haberlea rhodopensis; Mentha requinii; Rhododendron impeditum; R. keleticum and R. racemosum. These species are still in stock but we must hold all we have left in order to build up our supply.

We take particular pride in our present crop of Heaths and Heathers. All the varieties have been increased considerably and are now growing beautifully. We sincerely believe there is no better family of plants for the rock garden than these dwarf shrubs with their attractive evergreen foliage and long season of late Summer bloom. For those of you who would like to get a quick start on a collection of these fine plants, we make the following offer: 50 plants in 25 of the varieties listed for \$25.00. 100 plants (4 of a kind) for \$45.00.

Do not throw away your copy of our catalogue for another will not be issued next year. The prices listed in that catalogue will remain unchanged and we beg you to use it in placing your future orders. It is impossible for us to maintain a stock of hundreds of all the species we have listed, but if you require any plants in large quantities we shall be glad to quote special prices on lots of 100 or more and grow them for you.

With best wishes for a prosperous season and enjoyable rock gardening, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Walter a Hologa